## **Maine Revised Statutes**

## Title 28-A: LIQUORS

## Chapter 57: CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL HOLDER AND MAINE WHOLESALE LICENSEE AGREEMENT ACT

## §1451. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]

- 1. Agreement. "Agreement" means a commercial relationship, not required to be evidenced in writing, of definite or indefinite duration, between a certificate of approval holder and a wholesale licensee, under which the wholesale licensee is authorized to distribute one or more of the certificate of approval holder's brands of malt liquor, wine or beverages. The performance or accomplishment of any of the following acts shall constitute prima facie evidence of an "agreement" within the meaning of this definition:
  - A. The shipment, preparation for shipment or acceptance of any order by any certificate of approval holder or its agents for any malt liquor, wine or beverages to a wholesale licensee within the State; and [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]
  - B. The payment by a wholesale licensee and the acceptance of payment by any certificate of approval holder or its agent or the shipment of an order for malt liquor or beverages intended for sale in Maine. [1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW).]
- **2. Person.** Notwithstanding section 2, subsection 23, "person" means a natural person, corporation, partnership, trust, agency or other entity as well as the individual officer, directors or persons in active control of the activities of that entity. "Person" also includes heirs, assigns, personal representatives and guardians.

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[ 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]
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**3. Primary source of supply.** "Primary source of supply" means the distiller, the bottler, the brewer, the winery, the brand owner or the designated agent of any distiller, brewer, winery or brand owner.

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[ 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]
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**4. Territory or sale territory.** "Territory" or "sale territory" means the area of primary sales responsibility expressly or implicitly designated by any agreement between a wholesale licensee and a certificate of approval holder for the brand or label of a certificate of approval holder.

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[ 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]
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**5. Wholesale licensee.** Notwithstanding section 2, subsection 34, "wholesale licensee" means any person holding a wholesale malt liquor or wine license within the State, offering malt liquor or wine for sale or resale to retailers, without regard to whether the business of the person is conducted under the terms of an agreement with a certificate of approval holder.

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[ 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4 (NEW) .]

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1987, c. 45, §A4 (NEW).
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